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SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, I will try to.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Withem, I believe Senator Crosby said earlier that this took care of all the low pay teachers. If I remember correctly when we first passed the bill, I believe the threshold was \$17,000 and then we came in a year or two later and changed that. Would you like to clarify that a little bit?

SENATOR WITHEM: I cannot at this point. I believe it was...not wanting to pass the buck, but I see Senator...Senator Conway, I know, offered an amendment to the original LB 89 dealing with the low pay issue and he may recall exactly how it was played out, I do not.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, Senator Conway, would you care to respond?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Conway, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I believe, and again I'm running on my memory rather than the facts in front of me, but I believe the original LB 89 had a, I think it was a \$16,000 threshold, and then each progressive year it was going to step up by a thousand dollars, but when LB 91 was passed, those provisions were all stricken from the language.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. I see Senator Crosby is back now so I would like to...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Crosby, my question to you is you mentioned this morning that this would take care of all the low paid teachers.

SENATOR CROSBY: What I meant to say, Senator Hefner, now if I didn't make it clear, the original intent of LB 89 was to help those school districts that did...whose teachers were not getting if you want to call it a realistic salary as to the number of years they had worked, and so on, that was to help those school districts. Now whether or not that's happening I don't know, but, as I understood it, that was the original intent.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. When we passed LB...when we passed 89,